

Friday, June 14, 2013

Daily Digest

Highlights

The House passed H.R. 1960, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2013.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 2373–2391; 1 private bill, H.R. 2392; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 49; H. Con. Res. 39; and H.Res. 262–263 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1797, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–109, Pt. 1).

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014: The House passed H.R. 1960, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a recorded vote of 315 ayes to 108 noes, Roll No. 244. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, June 12th.

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Rejected the Duckworth motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 225 noes with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 243.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.”.

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Agreed to:

Walz amendment (No. 53 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–108) that requires the Government Accountability Office to submit a report to Congress regarding the Department of Defense’s use of Personality/Adjustment disorders as a basis to separate members from the Armed Forces;

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McKeon en bloc amendment No. 8 that consists of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–108: Swalwell amendment (No. 73) that ensures that money paid to the Department of Defense on behalf of military bands is reimbursed to the appropriate accounts, allowing military bands to play at community events if the organization fully funds the bands expenditures; Conyers amendment (No. 146) that clarifies that nothing in the bill shall be construed as authorizing the use of force against Iran; Hanna amendment (No. 149) that makes it easier for small businesses to compete for lower tier subcontracts on federal projects and improves visibility into the health of the industrial base; Graves (MO) amendment (No. 150) that simplifies small business contracting by reconciling the limitation on

subcontracting provisions enacted in Sec. 802 of the FY 2013 NDAA with those in the Small Business Act; Collins (GA) amendment (No. 152) that allows for the administrative transfer of 282,304 acres, in Dahlonga, Georgia known as Camp Frank D. Merrill, from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of the Army; Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 153) that requires the consideration of the value of services provided by a local community to the armed forces as part of the economic analysis in making base realignment or closure decisions; Blumenauer amendment (No. 156) that provides additional guidance for military installation master planning documents, consistent with Department of Defense, UFC 2–100–01; Gardner amendment (No. 157) that requires prior Congressional approval in order for the DoD to expand Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, Fort Carson, CO; Hunter amendment (No. 158) that ensures the inclusion of emblems of belief on military memorials; Hastings (WA) amendment (No. 161) that directs the Department of Energy to transfer a parcel of land at the Hanford Site to the DOE designated Community Reuse Organization; Hastings (WA) amendment (No. 163) that amends Division C, Title XXXI regarding the Department of Energy to protect and provide public access to Manhattan Project facilities at three DOE defense sites through the establishment of an historical park; Issa amendment (No. 166) that reforms the process by which Federal agencies procure products and services related to information technology; Garamendi amendment (No. 170) that withholds the \$2.6 billion in additional funding that have been added to the Afghan National Security Forces Fund this year for acquisition of aircraft, vehicles and other equipment until the Secretary of Defense submits a report to Congress confirming when these systems would be delivered, the ANSF's capabilities of operating and maintaining these systems, and the impact of such acquisitions on the future US costs of funding the ANSF; Gingrey (GA) amendment (No. 171) that expresses the sense of Congress that active military personnel that either live in or are stationed in Washington, DC would be exempt from existing District of Columbia firearms restrictions; and Davis (CA) amendment (No. 172) that recognizes additional means by which members of the National Guard called into Federal service for a period of 30 days or less may initially report for duty for enlistment to basic pay;

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Turner amendment (No. 21 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–108) that was debated on June 13th that requires the President of the United States to convey to Congress the details of any proposed deals with the Russian Federation concerning the missile defense or nuclear arms of the United States (by a

recorded vote of 239 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 229);

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Walorski amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–108) that prohibits the Secretary of Defense from using any funds authorized to the department for the transfer or release of Guantanamo detainees to Yemen (by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 236);

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Blumenauer amendment (No. 123 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–108) that strengthens and reforms the Iraq and Afghanistan Special Immigration Visa programs, and expresses the sense of the House that these programs are of significant importance to the U.S. mission, and should be extended and reformed before their expiration (by a recorded vote of 420 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 241); and

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DeLauro amendment (No. 137 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–108) that prohibits the Defense Department from continuing to purchase equipment from the Russian arms dealer Rosoboronexport unless the Secretary of Defense certifies that the firm is cooperating with a Defense Contract Audit Agency audit, not delivering S–300 missile defense batteries to Syria, and that no new contracts have been signed by the firm with Syria since January 1, 2013. Provides a national security waiver with a requirement that the Secretary justify the waiver in a report to Congress 30 days prior to the purchase of any equipment from Rosoboronexport (by a recorded vote of 423 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 242).

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Rejected:

Holt amendment (No. 22 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–108) that was debated on June 13th that sought to strike all of subtitle C of title II except section 237 (Iron Dome program) (by a recorded vote of 61 ayes to 362 noes, Roll No. 230);

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McCollum amendment (No. 25 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–108) that was debated on June 13th that sought to prohibit any funds authorized in the bill from being used to sponsor Army National Guard professional wrestling sports sponsorships or motor sports sponsorships. The amendment does not prohibit recruiters from making direct, personal contact with secondary school students and other prospective recruits (by a recorded vote of 134 ayes to 290 noes, Roll No. 231);

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Nolan amendment (No. 32 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–108) that was debated on June 13th that sought to reduce total funds authorized in this Act by \$60 billion (by a recorded vote of 71 ayes to 353 noes, Roll No. 232);

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Larsen (WA) amendment (No. 33 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–108) that was debated on June

13th that sought to reinstate the New START funding (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 233); **Page H3627**

Gibson amendment (No. 36 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–108) that was debated on June 13th that sought to strike section 1251, Sense of Congress on the Conflict in Syria (by a recorded vote of 123 ayes to 301 noes, Roll No. 234); **Pages H3627–28**

Coffman amendment (No. 37 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–108) that was debated on June 13th that sought to direct the President of the United States to end the permanent basing of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Vilseck, Germany and return the Brigade Combat Team currently stationed in Europe to the United States, without permanent replacement, leaving one Brigade Combat Team and one Combat Aviation Brigade. Nothing in this amendment should be construed as directing the removal of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, nor certain quick-reaction forces (by a recorded vote of 110 ayes to 313 noes, Roll No. 235); **Pages H3628–29**

Smith (WA) amendment (No. 20 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–108) that sought to provide a framework to close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by December 1, 2014 (by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 237); **Pages H3596–99, H3629–30**

Polis amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–108) that sought to allow those certified by recognized nontheistic organizations to be appointed as officers in the chaplain core in order to fully serve nontheistic or nonreligious servicemembers (by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 274 noes, Roll No. 238); **Pages H3599–H3601, H3630–31**

Polis amendment (No. 23 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–108) that sought to limit funding for advanced procurement of inefficient ground-based interceptor rocket motor sets, and the costly refurbishment of Missile Field 1 at Fort Greely, Alaska, until the Secretary of Defense makes certain certifications to Congress, including that the Commander of the United States Northern Command has full confidence in the homeland missile defense system (by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 239); and **Pages H3601–03, H3631**

Van Hollen amendment (No. 39 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–108) that sought to match the President's budget request for Overseas Contingency Operations (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 240). **Pages H3603–05, H3631–32**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H3636**

H. Res. 260, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, June 13th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, June 17th. **Page H3638**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Sixteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3624, H3625, H3626, H3626–27, H3627, H3627–28, H3628–29, H3629, H3629–30, H3630–31, H3631, H3631–32, H3632–33, H3633, H3634–35, H3635–36. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE CRISIS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Examining the Federal Government's Response to the Prescription Drug Abuse Crisis". Testimony was heard from R. Gil Kerlikowske; Doug Throckmorton, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs, Center for Drugs Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration; H. Westley Clark, Director, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

EXAMINE IMPROVING DHS'S COMMUNICATION EFFORTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a hearing entitled "Why Can't DHS Better Communicate with the American People?". Testimony was heard from Robert Jensen, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Public Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; Tamara Kessler, Acting Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

DEFINING THE PROBLEM AND SCOPE OF OVER-CRIMINALIZATION AND OVER-FEDERALIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Over-criminalization of 2013, held a hearing on Defining the Problem and Scope of Over-criminalization and Over-federalization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BIPARTISAN PROPOSALS TO REFORM MEDICARE POST-ACUTE CARE PAYMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "The President's and Other Bipartisan Proposals to Reform Medicare Post-Acute Care Payments". Testimony was heard from Jonathan Blum, Deputy and Director, Center of